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Senator Craig Authors Bill to Place Inspector General in the DOT

Madison, Wis. – Today, Senator David Craig (R-Town of Vernon), circulated legislation to place an Inspector General in the Department of Transportation (DOT) to provide more oversight within this important agency. The Inspector General will serve at the direction of the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB), the Legislature, and complaints from citizens. Sen. Craig stated:

"Placing an investigator inside the DOT will ensure that the legislature plays a more active role in rooting out waste, fraud, abuse, and inefficiency in government. The latest audit of the DOT made clear we need a proactive oversight arm within this agency.

Under the bill, the Inspector General is funded from existing agency appropriations. The Inspector General would provide annual reports to the LAB and legislative standing committees.

"This legislation is an important reform to increase legislative oversight in state government and root out bad practices within the DOT. The information gathered and reported by the Inspector General will help our efforts to realize substantial savings to taxpayers."

Senator Craig represents the 28th Senate District which is comprised of portions of Waukesha, Walworth, Racine, and Milwaukee Counties.

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